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CITY OF BEAVERTON RECEIVES AWARDS FOR ITS HEALTH CONSCIOUS WORKING ENVIRONMENT

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton made the list as one of Portland Business Journal's 2014 Healthiest Employers of Oregon for employer's with 100 to 499 employees. The city was also recognized as a Platinum-Level Fit-Friendly Worksite by the American Heart Association (AHA) for helping employees eat better and move more.

"In Beaverton, we pride ourselves on being an active and athletic community," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "The city is committed to creating a work environment that helps our employees maintain a healthy lifestyle. We're honored to have received this recognition!"

Both companies acknowledged the city for its outstanding health and wellness programs that it offers its employees. The Portland Business Journal will list the award in its Healthiest Employers publication on Oct. 24, 2014. AHA will give recognition to the city on the company website as well as at local events.

"Our innovative health and wellness program has been successful because of our motivated employees," said Nancy Bates, human resources director. "These programs help improve an employee's overall quality of life and lead to a more productive work environment."

In 2014, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "**Smarter City**" **energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more

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Caption: Beaverton staff participating in tai chi class in Griffith Park.

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